

Midland Coal and Iron Building
Northwest side of Route 36
Gilmore, Md.
AL-VI-B-167

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

AL-V1-B-167
MAGI NO. 010-925504

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Midland Coal and Iron Co. Building

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Northwest side of Route 36

Sixth

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Gilmore

VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Roy L. Hartman

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 164

CITY, TOWN

Lonaconing

VICINITY OF

STATE zip code
Maryland 21539

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 491

Folio #: 426

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE
Maryland 21502

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

SL-1-8-167

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building consists of a two and one-half story, four bays wide frame building of horizontal planks covered with insul siding. It rests on a high stone foundation of random rubble with a plain water table. The gable front roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Eaves consist of a boxed cornice, soffit, frieze, and returns. Three brick chimneys with corbeled caps are located on the interior.

The building has six entrances. Basement entrances on the southwest have transoms and three panels and one light each. Other entrances are in pairs on the southeast and northeast. Two over two light sash windows are pegged with wooden slipsills. On either side of each of the basement entrances are pairs of fixed one over one light windows with mullions. A pair of semicircular arched one over one light sash windows with mullion are located in each of the gabled ends.

A hip roofed porch on the southeast has square posts. A partially enclosed porch on the northeast has a shed roof supported by turned posts.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building is located in the Georges' Creek coal mining area, in the village of Gilmore. It was apparently built by the Midland Coal and Iron Company early in the second half of the nineteenth century. The coal business was growing rapidly at this time due to improved transportation between the coal mines and the head of the railroad and C & O Canal. (1) Many small companies were formed, the Midland Coal and Iron Company being one of them. In 1864 there was an equity case in which the companies property was sold. There was an advertisement for the sale with a list of the mining buildings. There were two in particular listed, a dump house with office and a store house. (2) This building could have been for either of them. The Hampshire and Baltimore Coal Company bought the property in 1864. (3) In 1884 this building along with a quarter acre of land became privately owned when it was sold to the Brennan family. (4)

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- (1) Harry I. Stegmaier, Jr. et al Allegany County- A History (Parsons, W. Va. McClain Printing Co.) p. 141
- (2) Allegany Equity #1416, Exhibit #1
- (3) Allegany County Land Records, Liber 21, Folio 511
- (4) Ibid, Liber 61, Folio 362

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Stegmaier, Harry Jr. et al. Allegany County, A History Parsons W Va. : McClain
Printing Co.) 1976
Allegany County Land Records
Allegany County Equity

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA 328'x54'

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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ORGANIZATION	Allegany County Historic Sites	DATE January 15, 1980
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CITY OR TOWN	Cumberland, Md. 21502	STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

TITLE SEARCH

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Allegany County Deed: Liber 491, Folio 426 Grantee: Roy L. Hartman Grantor: Darrel Lee Carder	Date: February 17, 1977
Allegany County Deed: Liber 487, Folio 316 Grantee: Darrel Lee Carder Grantor: Carl E. Shaw	Date: July 9, 1976
Allegany County Deed: Liber 472, Folio 277 Grantee: Carl E. Shaw Grantor: Lielia S. Warnick	Date: July 2, 1974
Allegany County Deed: Liber 449, Folio 172 Grantee: Lielia S. Warnick Grantor: Eugene P. Merrbach and Gertrude B. Merrbach	Date: October 19, 1971
Allegany County Deed: Liber 412, Folio 474 Grantee: Eugene P. Merrbach and Gertrude B. Merrbach Grantee: Patrica Merrbach Bredden and Jacqueline M. Winebrenner Notes: All interest conveyed to Eugene P. Merrbach	Date: September, 1967
Allegany County Wills: Estate #8690 Grantee: Eugene P. Merrbach, Patrica Bredden, and Jacqueline Winebrenner Grantor: Mary Kennedy Notes: Will describes 2 story frame house of 12 rooms and a large basement	Date: July 21, 1967
Allegany County Deed: Liber 176, Folio 185 Grantee: Mary Kennedy Grantor: Mary E. Carr Price	Date: November 7, 1936
Allegany County Deed: Liber 86, Folio 59 Grantee: Mary E. Carr Grantor: Edward Brennan and Anne Brennan	Date: May 1, 1899 Consideration: \$250.00
Allegany County Deed: Liber 61, Folio 362 Grantee: Edward Brennan and Anne Brennan Grantor: Hampshire and Baltimore Coal Company Notes: ¼ acre	Date: October 24, 1884 Consideration \$15.00
Allegany County Deed: Liber 21, Folio 511 Grantee: Hampshire and Baltimore Coal Company Grantor: James S. Merriam and Minnie Merriam	Date: May 2, 1864 Consideration: \$70,000.00
Allegany County Deed: Liber 21, Folio 622 Grantee: James S. Merriam Grantor: Thomas McCaig and William W. McCaig, trustees Notes: Trustees for Midland Coal and Iron Company per Equity #1416	Date: April 20, 1864

INVENTORY NO: 222DATE: AL-VI-B-167REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minorNAME OF PROPERTY: Large Bldg.LOCATION OF PROPERTY: NW side of Rt 36 GilmoreDIRECTION DWELLING FACES: 230° SWMAP 47 P. 109NAME OF OWNER: ROY L. HARTMAN 441/426 328x54 ED 18ADDRESS: REHABILITATION 228A1POBx 164 Tomacoring 328x54STORIES: 1() 2(1/2) 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4(1) 5() 6(1) 7() ()WINGS, ADDITIONS: shed enclosed (partially) porch

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- ☒ FRAME: horiz planks Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
() BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
() STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
() LOG
(☒ OTHER: Coverings insul brick

ALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others in eaves are 2 1/2" w/million semicircularFOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone cellarWATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded BrickWINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2(1) 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other() Slipsills
pegged (☒ nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: 2 Basement SW 1 light 3p. 3 deco panels 1 light.HARDWARE: original () replaced()FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN Fluted Trim
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards2 SIDE ENTRANCES
FACING RT 36CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) Returns
original(☒ replaced() rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architraveROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers #MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin. asphalt; original() replaced()PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(☒ hip(☒ gable()CHIMNEYS: Number: 3 Brick(☒ Stone() Corbeled(☒ original(☒ replaced()
Location: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior(☒

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

USE:

SIGNIFICANCE:

DATE CONSTRUCTED:

poor

(W. VA.)

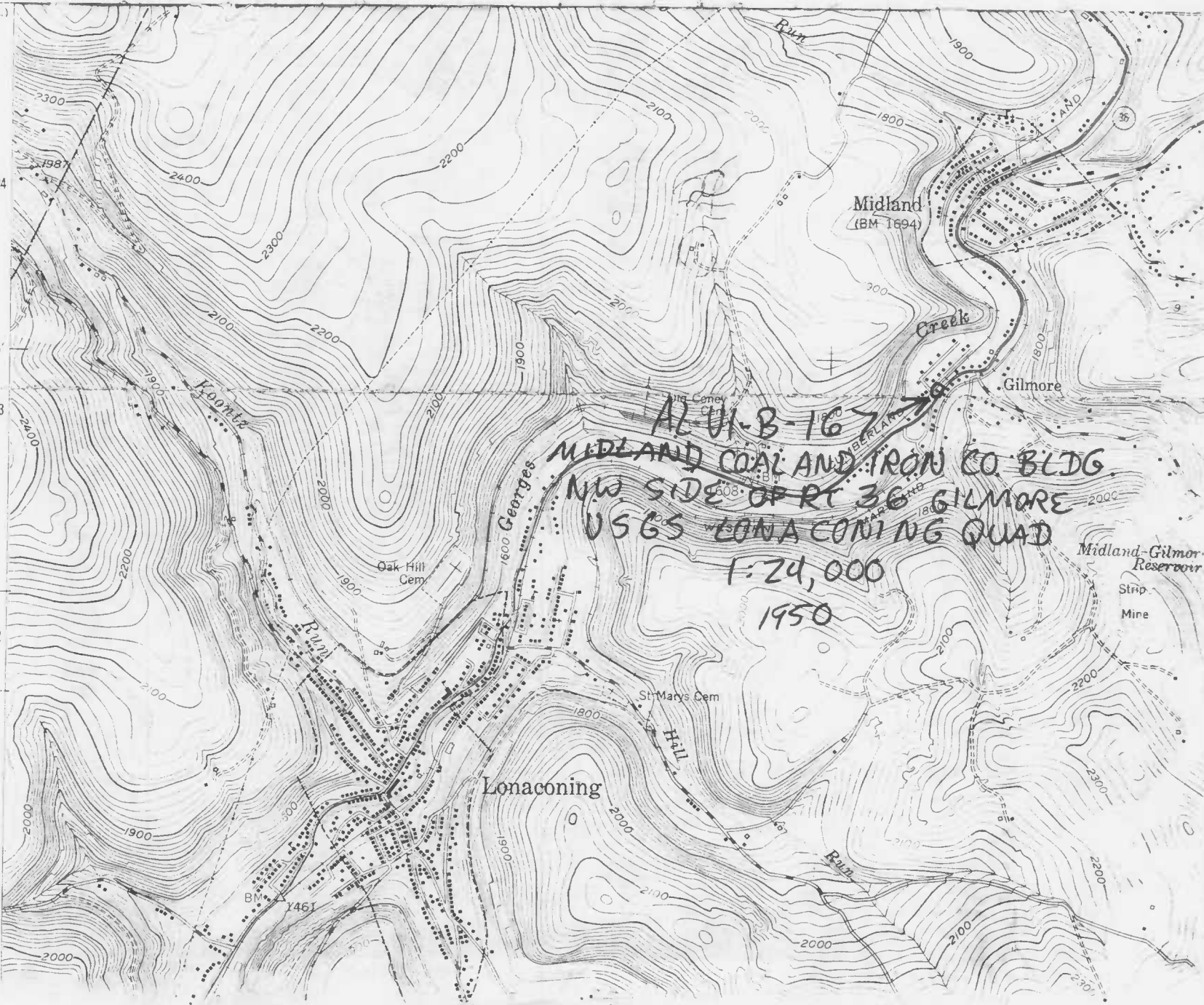
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35'

4383

4382

5163 II SE
(BARTON)





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David A. Dorsey 10/18/78

East



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West